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## President's Corner



Elections are coming up in October for club officers for year 2000. Bill Hall (WD9HII) is heading the nomination committee again this year. If you want to nominate someone or yourself for a club office, please contact Bill at 485-3995. At the October meeting the floor will be opened for additional nominations. The one key rule to follow is to make sure the nominee is willing to serve in the position for which he is being nominated.

The weekend of October 16 and 17 will be busy. The air show is on both days and our club has been requested to support the event at the Air National Guard. Also, this is the Scouts JOTA weekend. Last year we sponsored the JOTA at the Girl Scout camp. We are planning on doing it again this year. Steve Nardin is coordinating this event, so if you want to be a part of this fun event, give Steve a call.

A no code tech license class is planned to start on October 11 at the Calvary Temple at 1400 West Washington Center Road at 6:30 PM. This class is opened to anyone interested and will run through January 2000. If anyone you know can take advantage of this class, please let me know.

Next Regular Meeting will be on Friday, October 15 at 7:30 PM at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church at the corner of Vance and Reed. Since the elections will be conducted at this meeting there will be no program.

See you there!

73s

Bill Stockslager (N9WS)

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## Elections

At the September meeting of the FWRC, the Nominating Committee reported the following candidates for next years officers. They are:

President:	Steve Nardin	WB9ZIY
Vice Pres.:	Tom Baker	KB9TFC
Secretary:	Al Burke	WB9SSE
Treasurer:	Bob Streeter	W8ST
Comm. Mgr.:	Clint Stedje	KB9LOF

Board Members (elect 3)


Carol Burke	WB9RUS
Carl Rittenhouse	N9NRO
Mike Stein	WB9NOO
Jim Pliett	K9OMA

4th Director is automatically the immediate past president, in this case, Bill Stockslager, N9WS

As provided for in the Club's Constitution and Bylaws. "The election of officers shall take place at the October meeting, and shall be conducted by the Nominating Committee. Nominations may be re-opened prior to the election by a motion from the floor."

In addition to the above, the Constitution also provides for

**Next Club Meeting - Friday,  
October 15, 1999, 7:30 PM  
Good Shepherd United  
Methodist Church, corner  
of Vance Ave. & Reed Rd.**

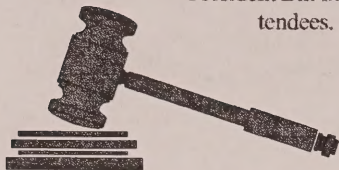
**Program:**  
 **Elections**

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## September Meeting Minutes

The September meeting of the Ft. Wayne Radio Club occurred on 17 September, 1999. It was held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church and was hosted by President Bill Stockslager. There were about 30 attendees.



The minutes from the August meeting were read and there were no corrections.

Bob Streeter gave the Treasurer's report. As of 17 September, 1999 total Club assets were \$11,285.80 which includes the estimated value (\$4,150.00) of Club property, \$100.44 in cash and \$6,850.86 in Savings/Checking.

Bill Hall reported on the "Children's Outdoor Adventure". It occurred on 11 September and was supported by 13 Hams who provided communication services between the various sites where the kids participated in activities such as canoeing, sailing, horseback riding, archery, and so forth. Twenty four kids had a good time, and likewise, the Hams who participated did too.

Carl Rittenhouse reported on the last Foxhunt. It was so cleverly camouflaged that none of the rabid foxhunters found it. So instead, points were given by virtue of time of arrival at the fox's location. First on the scene were KB9's DOS, DOT and LOF followed by N9GK and KB9NRA and then by N9AVR and N9MKB. The next hunt is scheduled for 10 October starting at 13:30 from Shoaf Park.

Carl Rittenhouse also noted that the 146.76 machine had been repaired and was once again operating normally.

Bill Meints, N9NAI announced that volunteers are being sought to support the Indiana Air National Guard Airshow that will occur at Baer Field on 16 & 17 October. What is needed are volunteers to operate a talk-in table and to provide "health and welfare" communications services during the two days of the show. This should provide an outstanding opportunity to show off our hobby as the Airshow will feature the Blue Angels and thus should draw a substantial crowd.

Bill Stockslager noted that a Code & Theory Class will commence on 11 October at the Calvary Temple Church, and initially, there will be about 20 students in the class. Bill has volunteered to teach and is looking for helpers.

Bill also noted that the National Weather Service would have an Open House at their Nexrad Weather Radar site on 16 October between 09:00 and 15:00. The site is lo-

cated between North Webster and Syracuse, Indiana.

Bill Hall announced the current slate that will be running for election at the October meeting. Those willing to run as Officers are as follows: President - Steve Nardin, WB9ZII Vice Prez - Tom Baker, KB9TFC Treasurer - Bob Streeter, W8ST (assuming no one else is willing to run for Treasurer) Secretary - Al Burke, WB9SSE Communications Manager - Clint Stedje, KB9LOF

Those willing to run for the Board of Directors are as follows: Bill Stockslager - N9WS (as past President, automatically on the Board for the following year) Carl Rittenhouse - N9NRO Carole Burke - WB9RUS Mike Stein - WB9NOO Jim Pliett - K9OMA and nominated by Bill Kindred, Scott Price - N9VZJ (declined).

Bill Hall will reopen the slate for additional nominations or intent to serve for any positions at the October meeting just prior to the elections.

Bill Hall conducted the 50/50 raffle. The \$17.00 pot was split between the Club and winner Scott Price, N9VZJ. Scott graciously donated \$5.00 of his winnings back to the Club treasury.

Following the formal meeting new Club member Greg White, N9EYO gave a presentation on the Radio Club he formed for students at the Franke Park Elementary School where he serves as a teacher.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

AL BURKE, WB9SSE

## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Fort Wayne Radio Club Christmas party is Friday, December 10, 1999 at 6:30. The location is the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church. The entertainment will be by Jay Fox and of course there will be an appearance by the man of the hour, Santa Claus. The food will be provided by Lee's Famous Recipe Chicken and we ask everyone to bring a covered dish (preferably with food in it) or a dessert. The cost will be determined by the next newsletter, but I'm sure that it will be about the same as the spring banquet. THERE WILL BE NO CALLING COMMITTEE. Please call me, Carole at 637-1989 or Becky at 471-5492 to let us know if you and your spouse/guest will be attending.





## ADVENTURES WITH THE UNIVERSAL LICENSING SYSTEM

by Al Burke, WB9SSE

Recently I realized that my Advanced class license was due to be renewed. As the FCC was in the process of putting their Universal Licensing System on line, I decided to renew my ticket through this new service and agreed to describe the experience in the Hamsplatter. So here goes.

The Universal Licensing System (ULS) is a dial up service that the FCC has put in place to allow for electronic, (i.e. computer based) applications, renewals and modifications of all types of licenses (Amateur, commercial, and so forth). Amateur licenses may be renewed electronically 90 days or less prior to your license expiring. You cannot renew electronically after your license expires although you can renew by mail during a two year grace period following expiration. (However I believe it is illegal to operate once your license has expired, so why let it happen)? **AS BILL STOCKSLAGER SUGGESTS AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH CLUB MEETING "TAKE A MINUTE AND CHECK WHEN YOUR LICENSE IS DUE TO EXPIRE!"**

Before you can interact with the ULS, you must first "identify" yourself to the FCC. In order to do this you need access to the Internet. The FCC's Universal Resource Locator (URL) for the ULS Identification tool is "<http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls>". When you get to this Internet page through your Internet Service Provider (i.e. CompuServe, AOL, MSN, etc.) choose the "TIN/Call Sign Registration" tab. It will prompt you for your Taxpayer Information Number, or "TIN". Your TIN is your Social Security Number. You can ignore the request for the "contact person" and for the "SGIN". The "TIN/Call Sign Registration" page will also ask you for your call sign and it will ask you to define a Password and a Personal Identifier for future reference. The Password and Personal Identifier can be anything you wish although both are character length restricted. Choose whatever suites your fancy for each. This page will also return a "License ID Number" that evidently will have some future application as the FCC matures the ULS. I strongly recommend that you either copy the data that will be presented on this page (your TIN Number, License ID Number, Password and Personal Identifier), or print the page out for future reference.

Although you can register (i.e. identify yourself) to the ULS at any time as described above, you cannot actually renew your license using the ULS any sooner than 90 days prior to your license expiring according to FCC and ARRL publications. In practice, my license was due to expire December 19, 1999. I found that I could not actually renew my license until September 20, 1999. (I attempted to renew it on the 19<sup>th</sup> and the ULS would not let me do it).

In order to actually renew your license using the ULS, you must at present use a dial-up connection to the FCC ULS Local Area Net Server, not the Internet. (The FCC indicates that they may establish a web-browser, i.e. Internet accessible system sometime in the year 2000, but until then you have to utilize the dial-up approach if you want to upgrade electronically).

Although establishment of a dial-up connection may seem a daunting task, it's really quite straightforward, although involved. I upgraded using a PC with the Windows 95 Operating System, but in the following, I'll also describe what you need to do if you happen to have Windows 98 as your Operating System. If you are a MAC user, good luck.

### Configuring your computer for Dial-Up Network Access:

1. To start dial-up networking:
  - a. Click the Windows 95/98 *START* button.
  - b. Click the *PROGRAMS* option to display the Programs menu.
  - c. Click the *ACCESSORIES* option to display the Accessories menu.
  - d. If you have Windows 95, click *DIAL-UP NETWORKING*; if you have Windows 98, click *COMMUNICATIONS*, then *DIAL-UP NETWORKING*.
2. When the Dial-Up Networking window appears, double click the *MAKE NEW CONNECTION* icon.
3. In the *MAKE NEW CONNECTION* window, and in the field entitled "Type a name for the computer you are dialing", enter "ULS at FCC".
4. Next, you need to select a modem:
  - a. In Windows 95, click the down arrow at the right of the "Select a Modem" field and select the modem that is in your computer from the listing of available modems.
  - b. In Windows 98, click the down arrow at the right of the "Select a device" field and select your modem from the listing of available modems.
5. Click the *CONFIGURE* button and then click the *OPTIONS* tab at the top of the Properties window.
6. In the *CONNECTION CONTROL AREA* of the *OPTIONS* tab, verify that neither of the options are selected. If either of the options are selected, click the check box at the left of the option to deselect it.



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- Then click *OK*.
7. Click the *NEXT* button.
  8. Enter "800-844-2784" in the *AREA CODE* and *TELEPHONE NUMBER* fields. Verify that the correct country (United States) is selected in the *COUNTRY CODE* field. If it isn't click the down arrow at the right of the *COUNTRY CODE* field and select the good old USA. (800-844-2784 is the toll-free phone number of the FCC's ULS Local Area Net Server, so calls to this number are free).
  9. Click the *NEXT* button.
  10. Click the *FINISH* button. An icon titled "ULS at FCC" should appear in the Dial-Up Networking window.
  11. Take a deep breath, go and get a beer or a soda, and let the dog out. Might also be wise to acknowledge that your spouse exists at this point.
  12. Click the *SERVER TYPE* button at the bottom of the "ULS at FCC" screen.
  13. In the *ADVANCED OPTIONS* area of the Server Type window, verify that only "ENABLE SOFTWARE COMPRESSION" is selected. If it is not selected, click the check box at the left of the option to select it. If either of the other options are selected, click the check box to deselect them.
  14. In the *ALLOWED NETWORK PROTOCOLS* area of the *SERVER TYPE* window, verify that only *TCP/IP* is selected. If it is not selected, click the check box at the left of the option to select it. If either of the other options are selected, click the check box to deselect them.
  15. Click the *TCP/IP SETTING* button and select *SPECIFY NAME SERVER ADDRESS*.
  16. Type "192.104.54.1" as the *PRIMARY DNS*.
  17. Click *OK* in both the *TCP/IP SETTINGS* window and in the *SERVER TYPE* window.
  18. If you are prompted to restart your computer, click *YES* to restart. After the computer has rebooted you should now actually be able to initiate a dial-up procedure and call the ULS.
  19. At this point, if you have not thrown the computer out the window, kicked the dog, or torn your hair out, congratulations. Because of your perseverance you will be awarded an honorary Masters degree from the University of Byte Me.

**Dial-Up Procedure:**

The following assumes that you have previously registered with the ULS, have configured your computer for dial-up network access as described above, hung your Masters Degree sheepskin from Byte Me U on your wall, and are 90 days or less (actually I think 89 days based upon my experience) from the expiration date of your license. Anyway, grit your teeth and do the following:

1. Open the *DIAL-UP NETWORKING* window per the following:
  - a. Click the Windows 95/98 *START* button.
  - b. Click the *PROGRAMS* option to display the *PROGRAMS* menu.
  - c. Click the *ACCESSORIES* option to display the *ACCESSORIES* menu.
  - d. In Windows 95, click *DIAL-UP NETWORKING*; in Windows 98, click *COMMUNICATIONS*, then click *DIAL-UP NETWORKING*. The *DIAL-UP NETWORKING* window should appear.
2. Double click on the "ULS at FCC" icon.
3. Click the *CONNECT* button on the ULS at FCC window. **DO NOT ENTER EITHER USER NAME OR PASSWORD IF THERE ARE ENTRIES IN EITHER OF THESE FIELDS, DELETE THEM.**
4. Your computer should now humm and make weird noises. But eventually the "Connecting to ULS at FCC" window should appear indicating the status of your connection to ULS as your modem dials into the system. This window must remain running during your dial-up session. You might want to minimize this window before you proceed.
5. Given step 4 above occurs, you are connected to the FCC ULS Server. The next step is to open your web browser.
6. Open your web browser, i.e. Netscape or whatever.
7. Type "wtbwww05.fcc.gov" as the Universal Resource Locator (URL) and then press the Enter key. (You enter "wtbwww05.fcc.gov", NOT "http://www.wtbwww05.fcc.gov". At least that's what worked on my PC running Windows 95 and Netscape as the Web Browser).
8. More computer humming. But if this all works then you should be in to the FCC ULS Server.
9. Click on the *ONLINE FILING* tab.
10. The system will then ask you to *COMPLETE WIRELESS 2000 SURVEY* which you should do by clicking on the *COMPLETE WIRELESS 2000 SURVEY* selection. (Note, you only need do the survey once; you may have already done it when you registered your TIN).
11. Next click on *CONTINUE TO ONLINE FILING*.
12. The system should ask you for your TIN and your password. Enter them, ignore the SGIN field and click on *CONTINUE*.
13. The system then should ask you for the *PURPOSE OF APPLICATION*. If you are renewing (as I was) choose the *RENEW ONLY* selection.
14. Click on *CONTINUE*.
15. If all is well, the system should return your call sign and other data. If it returns blank fields, either you

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have not properly established your TIN with the ULS or you are trying to renew your license too early. (Recall that my license was due to expire on 12/19/99 and per the FCC's instructions you cannot renew via ULS any sooner than 90 days prior to the expiration date. But when I tried to renew on the 19<sup>th</sup> of September, the ULS returned blank fields relative to my call sign, name, and so-forth (when I executed step 14 above). When I tried again on the 20<sup>th</sup>, it worked fine).

16. Follow the remaining instructions on this screen to complete your renewal. (Note, the FCC does not assess a fee for Amateur license renewals).
17. If successful the system should present you a summary page entitled "APPLICATION CONFIRMATION" which will contain your call sign, your name and a File Number (I think this is a transaction number). I would recommend that you either copy these data down or print the page for reference should you ever need to inquire with the FCC about the transaction.
18. At this point, you should be finished with the renewal process.
19. Exit from your Web Browser and then click the *DISCONNECT* button on the ULS at FCC window to end your dial-up session.

If you get through all of this successfully, congratulate yourself and replace your honorary Master degree from Byte Me University with a Ph.D.

All kidding aside, the process was fairly painless. At present I am waiting for the FCC to send me the paper copy of my renewed license. Then I should be set until December of 2009. I expect to go through the process again next year as my XYL's (Carole's) license expires in May of 2000.

Good Luck.

Notes:

There is a nice discussion of the ULS in the September, 1999 issue of QST on the Washington Mailbox page entitled "The Universal Licensing System: The Bare Essentials", pages 85-86.

If you have difficulty with all of the rigmarole above, the FCC has a Technical Support Hotline at (202) 414-1250 which operates Monday through Friday from 9 am to 6 pm Eastern time. I had one occasion to call it when I first attempted to actually renew my license (too soon as it turned out) and I found them very helpful.

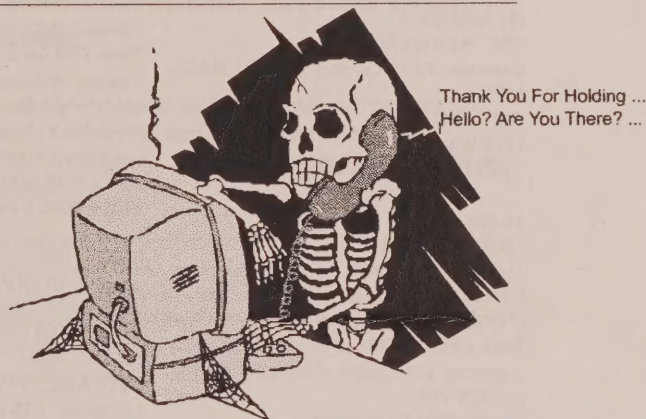
**Al Burke, WB9SSE**

**Editor's note:** I received a call on 9/30/99 from Carole Burke with the news that Al's license renewal had arrived in the mail. The system does work.

## Elections (continued from page 1)

the election of IRCC representatives. (IRCC - Indiana Radio Club Council) They are to represent the Club at all IRCC functions which usually consists of two formal meetings and one informal meeting each year. According to the Constitution: "The IRCC representatives may be combined with any other office." The Club is eligible for one representative per 20 roster members. Therefore we will be looking to elect about 8 IRCC representatives for next year. This election will be held immediately following the election of officers.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Hall WD9HII  
Chm. Nominating Comm.



**Fort Wayne Hamfest And Computer Expo  
Indiana State ARRL Convention  
November 13 - 14, 1999, Fort Wayne, Indiana**

The 27th Annual Fort Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo and Indiana State ARRL Convention, sponsored by the Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society (ACARTS), will be held at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum at the corner of Indiana 930 (Coliseum Blvd) and Parnell Ave. Open to the public 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. EST on Saturday and 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. EST on Sunday. Vendor setup is Friday evening and Saturday morning. Admission is only \$5.00 at the door only. Parking is \$2.00. There are over 1100 commercial and flea market tables (152,000 sq. ft.), all under one, roof, containing both new and used radio, computer, and general electronics items. Vendors include several International ham equipment manufacturers. Activities will include many forums and meetings and VE testing on Saturday. Shuttle bus service provided to and from commuter airport (Smith Field) and shopping centers. Talk-in is on 146.88 (-). For more information leave a message on the answering machine at (219) 483-8163 (tables) or (219) 484-1314 (general information) and you will be contacted. You can also send an SASE to AC-ARTS / Fort Wayne Hamfest, P.O. Box 10342, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46851, or visit our World Wide Web site at <http://www.acarts.com>.



**Sep. - Oct. VE Exam Schedule**

09-Oct-1999  
Sponsor: PORTER COUNTY  
ARC  
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins al-  
lowed)  
Contact: WILLIAM  
PETERSON  
(219)762-2887  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: 1ST BAPTIST

CHURCH  
1401 W PORTER AVE  
CHESTERTON, IN 46304

10-Oct-1999  
Sponsor: WABASH VALLEY ARA  
Time: 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: ROBERT J HARKER  
(812)235-9374  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: RED CROSS BLDG - BASE-  
MENT  
700 S 3RD ST  
US HWY 41  
TERRE HAUTE, IN 47807

16-Oct-1999  
Sponsor: MID STATE ARC  
Time: 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: DAVID A WENDT  
(317)881-6531  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: JOHNSON COUNTY EMER-  
GENCY OPS  
CENTER IN BASEMENT  
1100 HOSPITAL RD  
FRANKLIN, IN 46131

19-Oct-1999  
Sponsor: UNSPONSORED  
Time: 6:30 PM (No walk-ins)  
Contact: TERRY L MILLER  
(765)457-2449  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: UAW LOCAL 1166  
2761 N 50 EAST RD  
APPOINTMENTS ONLY  
KOKOMO, IN 46902

22-Oct-1999  
Sponsor: LAKE COUNTY ARC  
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: CHARLES SUFANA  
(219)923-8308  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: IMMANUEL UNITED  
CHURCH OF  
CHRIST  
2201 AZALEA DR  
HIGHLAND, IN 46322

30-Oct-1999  
Sponsor: TRI STATE ARS

Time: 09:00AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: TERRY L BROOKS  
(812)421-9135  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: AMERICAN RED CROSS  
111 E DIAMOND AVE  
EVANSVILLE, IN 47711

30-Oct-1999  
Sponsor: W5YI  
Time: (No walk-ins)  
Contact: G CURTIS VAN DE WATER  
(219)858-2474  
VEC: W5YI VEC  
Location: CAN ALSO CALL 219-267-5400  
FOR  
TEST LOCATION & TIME  
WARSAW, IN 46580

31-Oct-1999  
Sponsor: W5YI-VEC  
Time: Call for time and walk-in info  
Contact: WILLARD M PURANEN  
(317)453-6542  
VEC: W5YI VEC  
Location: HAMFEST  
CALL FOR SITE LOCATION & TIME  
LEBANON, IN 46052

06-Nov-1999  
Sponsor: BLOOMINGTON ARC INC  
Time: 11:30AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: MILLARD H QUALLS  
(812)332-0074  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: FIRST BAPTIST UNITED  
CHURCH OF  
CHRIST - LIBRARY  
2420 E 3RD ST  
BLOOMINGTON, IN 47401

06-Nov-1999  
Sponsor: MARION COUNTY ARS  
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: GALE A WUOLLET  
(317)849-8449  
VEC: Western Carolinas ARS VEC  
Location: AMERICAN RED CROSS  
CHAPTER  
441 E 10TH ST  
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46202

06-Nov-1999  
Sponsor: UNSPONSORED  
Time: 09:00AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: PEGGY COULTER  
(765)288-0481  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: CIVIL DEFENSE BUILDING  
SW CORNER STATE RD 3 & 100 N  
NEW CASTLE, IN 47362

11-Nov-1999  
Sponsor: HAMILTON COUNTY ARES  
Time: 7:00 PM (No walk-ins)

Contact: STEVEN P HENKE  
(317)578-0304  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location:  
CARMEL FIRE STATION #1  
2 CIVIC CIRCLE  
CARMEL, IN 46032

16-Nov-1999  
Sponsor: UNSPONSORED  
Time: 6:30 PM (No walk-ins)  
Contact: TERRY L MILLER  
(765)457-2449  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: UAW LOCAL 1166  
2761 N 50 EAST RD  
APPOINTMENTS ONLY  
KOKOMO, IN 46902

20-Nov-1999  
Sponsor: MID STATE ARC  
Time: 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: DAVID A WENDT  
(317)881-6531  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: JOHNSON COUNTY EMER-  
GENCY OPS  
CENTER IN BASEMENT  
1100 HOSPITAL RD  
FRANKLIN, IN 46131

20-Nov-1999  
Sponsor: LAKE COUNTY ARC  
Time: 8:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: CHARLES SUFANA  
(219)923-8308  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: IMMANUEL UNITED  
CHURCH OF  
CHRIST  
2201 AZALEA DR  
HIGHLAND, IN 46322

21-Nov-1999  
Sponsor: W5YI-VEC  
Time: Call for time and walk-in info  
Contact: WILLARD M PURANEN  
(317)453-6542  
VEC: W5YI VEC  
Location:  
CALL FOR SITE LOCATION & TIME  
KOKOMO, IN 46902

27-Nov-1999  
Sponsor: W5YI-VEC — WHITLEY  
COUNTY ARC  
Time: Call for time and walk-in info  
Contact: HENRY R MACKEY  
(219)244-7735  
VEC: W5YI VEC  
Location: WHITLEY COUNTY JAIL  
BLDG  
CALL FOR SITE LOCATION & TIME  
COLUMBIA CITY, IN 46725



## YLRL CONVENTION

by Carole Burke, WB9RUS

As you may or may not know, I belong to the Young Ladies Radio League (YLRL) and have for 22 years, and for the past few years. I have been the 9th District Chairwoman. The YLRL is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year. And to commemorate this event, this year's convention was held on the Queen Mary in Long Beach.

Having never been to a YLRL convention, Al and I decided that this would be the ideal year to go. We left a couple of days early and spent some time with friends who live just north of LA, Elliot, K6EO and Irene, KS6I. One of the things we did with them, was go to Bear Valley Springs to see the home that they would be moving to the next week. On the way there we past the Tehachapi Windmills. What a sight to see.

When we finally made it to Long Beach on Thursday, we got registered on the Queen Mary. What a lovely ship that is. They have succeeded in keeping it like it was in it's hey day. There are a lot of original items in the rooms. The amazing thing to me, for a ship, is that the bathroom is an actual bathroom, not a broom closet masquerading as a bathroom like those that are on cruise ships these days. It even had an honest to goodness bathtub.

On Friday about 50 of the 150 YLs and OM's took a trip to Universal Studios. We did the studio tour plus a few of the rides. Friday evening we had dinner with Irene's sister, Karen and her OM, Hal, WB6WXO. On Saturday, the actual business part of the convention took place. While Irene and I were in meetings, Al and Elliot went to the TRW Swapmeet. I understand that this was a sight to behold. Al came home with a few goodies from there, of course. Then, after they had lunch, they toured a Russian submarine that is moored next to the Queen Mary. I would have liked to have seen that too, but there was no time. They then operated W6RO the amateur radio station that is located in the Queen Mary's radio room. That evening was the banquet and to my surprise, I was the recipient of one of the door prizes, an Alinco HT. Al won a loud-speaker. We were both happy. On Sunday after a wonderful brunch (the food is great on the Queen), we toured the Long Beach Aquarium. After returning from that, I got to operate from W6RO, I contacted an Italian. They told me that that shouldn't have happened, but I did it. We also went out on deck with HT's and contacted W6RO on 146.52.

One of the best things about the convention is meeting YL's from other countries. At dinner I sat next to two

YL's from New Zealand, there were also some from Japan, Great Britain, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Mexico, and France. The age span was 80 years, the youngest was 14 and the two eldest were 94 years young.

As I said, I had never been to a YLRL convention before, but I can't wait for the next one in 2001. I got to see YL's who are old friends and make a lot of new ones. It is so nice to put faces to names and calls. I would encourage any YL in 9-land to join the YLRL, it is a wonderful organization who encourage YL activity on all the bands. If you have any questions about YLRL, please feel free to contact me.

Carole Burke, WB9RUS

## National Weather Service Open House

What?: Open House at the National Weather Service Office  
When?: Saturday October 16th, 9:00am to 3:00pm  
Where?: Along State Route 13 between North Webster and Syracuse.

The National Weather Service of Northern Indiana would like to invite you to come out and enjoy a tour of our new facility, see some of our new equipment and find out just who we are and what we do. Our staff will also be on hand to answer any questions you may have about the products and services we provide.

Hope to see you there! Also...check out the new and improved Indiana-Michigan-Ohio SKYWARN Amateur Radio Station - WX9IWX.

73, Pat KB8QEV  
NWS IWX - WX9IWX

## Upcomming Regional Hamfests

October 3	Bedford, IN
October 10	Oak Brook Terrace, IL
October 10	Lima, OH
October 17	Kalamazoo, MI
October 24	Warren, MI
October 24	Lebanon, IN
October 31	Marion, OH
November 7	Massillon, OH
November 7	St. Joseph, MI
November 7	Kaukauna, WI
November 13-14	Fort Wayne, IN
November 27	Evansville, IN
December 5	Greenfield, IN
January 8	South Bend, IN

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## For Sale

- Mosley 33JR with 1kw kit installed. Ready for local pickup make offer.

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• Yeasu FT 767GX. Transceiver - HF with all WARC bands, 2meter, 432, and 6 meter modules installed. This rig has built in auto antenna tuner, filters, pre-amp and tone board installed. You have all mode on all 4 bands. This radio is fully loaded, looks and works great..\$1300.00 firm.

• Cushcraft A4S 10-15 AND 20 METER beam. good condition. \$200.00.

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## HAM RADIO ESTATE SALE

My phone number is 219-723-4793 (be forewarned it gets quite busy!), email is don39@whitleynet.org or ka9qwc@attl.net. Answering machine will be on if I am out and about on the farm. It is projected that I will be out in the fields many hours from September 9 to 13th, so I may be slow in responding to any questions during that time frame. Best bet is to respond via packet or email. My home packet BBS is KA9QWC@KF9UG.

1. ICOM-745 TRANCEIVER - This radio does work but loses digits at times. The readout does come back after moving the frequency knob. This transceiver has a CW filter of unknown value installed to enhance morse code operations. Also will transmit out of band for MARS operations. I personally have the same situation with my own ICOM-745 but still run it everyday. With Operator and Service manuals.

2. MFJ RTTY/CW COMPUTER INTERFACE - This unit was working when last used. No manual but cables appear to be nearly complete for connection to a computer and radio. Can be powered by external power supply or wall cube.

3. BROWN BROS MACH CO PADDLE KEY - This unit was manufactured in St Louis. Appears to be in working order and keys up transmitter, but your transmitter may need an internal keyer or you will need a separate keyer unit such as the MFJ-407B listed below. This is a commercially manufactured paddle type key.

4. RADIO SHACK/TANDY 8086 COMPUTER - Computer worked with former operator. Does need start up disk(s) to run computer.

5. HOMEBREW PADDLE KEY - This unit is 2 keys attached back to back on a black style bakelite casing. Appears to be Operational.

6. DRAKE 2-C RECEIVER W/ Q-MULTIPLIER - Not certain as of this date if the receiver works. Does come with a OEM manual.

7. MFJ DELUXE ELECTRONIC KEYSER MODEL MFJ-407B - This unit was used by the owner. Includes OEM manual. Can be

powered by 12 volt power supply or wall cube.

8. This appears to be a enclosed transmitter/exciter and has a name plate of "LYSCO TRANSMASTER" with a large vernier dial and a LySCO meter 0-150 milliamperes. Status or operability unknown, good project for the experimenter with lots of components. The front has been modified with a large vernier dial.

9. POWER STRIP - Common power strip that can be used with about any equipment. Rated at 15 amps.

10. TRI-BAND BEAM 10-15-20 METERS CUSHCRAFT - This antenna was operational and mounted. It is now bundled for convenience of moving. No manual

11. 38 FOOT TOWER IN 4 SECTIONS (5 sections-?) - This tower is of two different styles that were matched up to work as a unit. I believe the tower is probably stronger then the original manufacture. Think we found the original bent section that maybe could be straightened/reinforced to add another 10 foot for a total of 48 foot to this tower.

12. 1988 (66th edition) Flying Horse callsign book (International listings - not stateside calls). Far as I know these hard copy callsign books are no longer produced. A older international edition does not seem to get out of date quickly as the North American versions for several reasons. International hams have a tendency to hold on to their calls and also there are a lot of club calls being used in many parts of the world. I am not sure what the future status will be on these documents to achieve a collectors status.

13. Tower - 15 foot top section (may be a TV type) painted white and seems to be in good shape. May make someone a good sturdy VHF/UHF item or one could probably modify for a roof mount. Use item 16 below and maybe one can string up wires to be out of the way. Price should be very reasonable on this item.

14. Tower - 24 foot may be top sections, has top center pipe which puts it up to 25 foot or better, appears to be an old TV tower, rusty, been repaired but should be plenty good for VHF/UHF antennas or again maybe can be modified for roof mount. Or with the tower in item 15 may make a good wire antenna base. Price should be very reasonable on this item.

15. Various radio tubes & some boxes of miscellaneous tubes, not a great number but feel free to look them over. There enough tubes that I don't want to really dig through and itemize each one. However I will say there appears to be a box of five 12BHA GE tubes that have never been used in the original cartons.

16. Project metal box, 3 by 5 inches color gray enameled with some components installed (not sure what it was supposed to be?).

17. Two old fashioned vernier dials like one would see on a antique radio. One appears to be bakelite/plastic and other solid brass. Both seem to function ok.

No specific prices have been determined on most of this equipment as of this date. Serious offers will be considered and may be negotiable.

**NOTE:** For Sale & Wanted items will be listed for 2 months only unless the ad is resubmitted. If you sell an item the first month, please contact the editor so the item can be removed. Thank you.



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**IMO:** meets nightly at 2330 UTC (6:30 PM) on 146.88

**Auburn:** meets Mon, Wed., Thur., Fri., & Sat. at 2300 UTC (6 PM) on 147.015+

**21 Repeater Group:** meets each Wednesday at 0200 UTC (9 PM) on 147.150

**Fort Wayne 6M net:** meets nightly at 0000 UTC (7 PM) on 50.58 AM

### Miscellaneous Nets

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**Portside:** 3rd Wednesday at 0030 UTC (7:30 PM) on 444.300

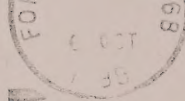
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